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1. SUMMARY. ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR SPEAKING

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BEFORE THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

OCTOBER 1, SHARPLY SCORED AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND ARAB TERRORISTS TO RESTRICT ISRAELI TRANSIT OF AUSTRIAN TERRITORY AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS DECISION NOT DEFINITIVE. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS SHE RESTATED ISRAELI POSITION REGARDING CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN MIDDLE EAST, WITHOUT HOWEVER ADDING ANYTHING TO ALREADY WELL ESTABLISHED POSITIONS. UPON LEAVING STRASBOURG OCTOBER 2, MRS MEIR WILL TRAVEL TO VIENNA WHERE SHE IS TO MEET WITH AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KRIESKY. END SUMMARY.

2. DESREGARDING HER PREPARED TEXT, MRS. MEIR DEVOTED 25 MINUTES TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WEEKEND EVENTS IN VIENNA. THESE, SHE SAID, EPITOMIZED THE WHOLE JEWISH PROBLEM. STATES FACED WITH TERRORIST ACTS ON THEIR TERRITORIES WERE FORCED TO EITHER CONTROL THEIR PERPETRATORS OR ELIMINATE THE TARGET. AUSTRIA HAD BECOME THE FIRST STATE TO OFFICIALLY MAKE A DEAL WITH TERRORISTS TO THE LATTER END, AND THIS WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ELSEWHERE IN THE FUTURE. EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS PAST ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING THE MOVEMENT OF JEWS FROM THE USSR TO ISRAEL, SHE HOPED THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ANNOUNCED OVER THE WEEKEND WOULD BE RESCINDED. IN CLOSING SHE THANKED THE ASSEMBLY FOR ITS CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM FOR SOVIET JEWS, WHICH HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN LARGE NUMBERS WHO HAD ALREADY IMMIGRATED TO ISRAEL.

3. AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS CZERNETZ AND KARASEK REPLIED SYMPATHETICALLY, AGREEING WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FREE MOVEMENT OF JEWS ACROSS AUSTRIAN TERRITORY. THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAD RESTRICTED BUT NOT TERMINATED SUCH TRANSIT. BOTH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT CONCEEDING TO TERRORISM AND SHARED MRS. MEIR'S HOPE THAT GOVERNMENT POSITION WOULD EVOLVE.

4. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, MRS. MEIR STATED THAT ISRAEL WAS PREPARED, AND WOULD REMAIN SO AFTER ELECTIONS TO NEGOTIATE AT ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS TO REACH A PEACE AGREEMENT. ISRAEL WOULD NOT RETURN TO ITS 1967 BORDERS, BUT ARABS DID NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS POSITION PRIOR TO NEGOTIATIONS. THIS MESSAGE HAD BEEN PASSED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ARAB GOVERNMENTS BY EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS, UNFORTUNATELY WITHOUT RESPONSE. SHE ADDED THAT ISRAEL WAS WILLING TO CEDE TERRITORY, BUT THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF EVACUATION WITHOUT A PEACE AGREEMENT. ISRAEL WILL INSIST THAT HER FRONTIERS BE SUCH THAT THEY ACT AS A DETERRENT TO ARAB ATTACK AND THAT THEY CAN BE DEFENDED WITH AS FEW CASUALTIES AS POSSIBLE.

5. RETURNING TO TERRORISM, MRS. MEIR SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A STRONG UNITED EUROPEAN POLICY AS THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN AND FACILITATE ROLE OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES FACED WITH TERRORIST ACTS. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IMPLEMENTING SUCH A POLICY REQUIRED TERRIBLE DECISIONS ENDANGERING LIVES, BUT THIS MUST BE WEIGHED AGAINST HOW MANY LIVES WOULD BE SAVED FROM TERRORIST ACTS IN THE FUTURE.

6. ON PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, MRS. MEIR, SAID THESE COULD HAVE BEEN EASILY AND EFFECTIVELY INTEGRATED INTO ISRAEL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 1948 WAR. AFTER TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF BEING EMPOISONED AGAINST ISRAEL, HOWEVER, THIS WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE AND WOULD RESULT IN THE END OF THE ISRAEL STATE. ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO PAY COMPENSATION TO PALESTINIANS, WHO MUST BE RESETTLED IN ARAB COUNTRIES. THIS MIGHT BE IN JORDAN ALONG THE LINES OF KING HUSSEIN S PROPOSALS. ALL THIS WAS FOR THE ARABS TO WORK OUT AMONG THEMSELVES AND NOT AN ISRAELI CONCERN. ISRAEL COULD NEVER ACCEPT, HOWEVER, THE CREATION OF A NEW PALESTINIAN STATE WITHIN HER BORDERS. THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A NON VIABLE ENTITY AND A SPEAR POINTED AT THE ISRAELI HEART.

7. ON THE HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM, MRS. MEIR DECLARED ISRAEL S WILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT ACCESS RIGHTS FOR MOSLEMS, AS HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE FOR CHRISTIAN SECTS.

8. ON PRISONERS OF WAR, MRS. MEIR SAID ISRAEL WAS ANXIOUS FOR THE RETURN OF HER NATIONALS CURRENTLY IN ARAB HANDS. CITING THE RECENT EXCHANGES WITH SYRIA, SHE EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT WITH EGYPT TO EXCHANGE 70 EGYPTIANS FOR 10 ISRAELIANS.

9. COMMENT . THE VIENNA EVENTS DOMINATED GOLDA MEIR S
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THREE DAYS IN STRASBOURG. IN REMARKS BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY, MONDAY, AS IN HER TALK TO JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS THE DAY BEFORE, SHE ELOQUENTLY APPEALED FOR EUROPEANS NOT TO CONCEDE TO TERRORISM, UNDERLINING THE DANGERS SUCH A COURSE IMPLIES NOT ONLY FOR JEWS BUT FOR ALL. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT SHE HAS MODIFIED HER PROGRAM TO GO TO VIENNA FROM STRASBOURG. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND PRESS ARE SPECULATING THAT PRIME MINISTER KREISKY HAS ALREADY AGREED TO MODIFY DECISIONS REGARDING JEWISH TRANSIT.
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